

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 08-12-02**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 1, 2008
Commission Meeting: December 2, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Citizens Telecommunications N2008.11.131 (Scott)

On November 14, 2008, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-08-08, New Bundled Service. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a new residential bundle called Frontier Digital Phone Plus. The company is requesting an effective date of December, 15, 2008. Probable Motion: Approve Citizens' Advice Letter No. MT-08-08 in Docket N2008.11.131.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2008.1.3 – Ronan Telephone Company and Hot Springs Telephone Company vs. Qwest Corporation - Petitions to Open Contested Case Proceeding to Adjudicate Issues Referred to the Commission by the U.S. District Court – Consider Qwest objections to Ronan/Hot Springs data requests and Ronan/Hot Springs objections to Qwest data requests. (12/2/08)
2. D2008.11.133 – NorthWestern Energy (NWE) – Request for a Specific Special Permit to the Requirements of 49CFR192.481 – Discuss and act on NWE's request for a special permit that modifies how NWE must comply with 49CFR192.481. (12/2/08)
3. D2008.6.69 – NorthWestern Corporation – Application for Approval of its Interest in Colstrip Unit 4 as an Electricity Supply Resource under Certain Terms and Conditions Including Certain Treatment of Net Operating Losses – Consider waiving 10-day period for deemed denial of MCC Motion for Reconsideration and consider establishing deadlines for responses and reply to the Motion, and consider any other matter related to the Motion for Reconsideration. (12/2/08)
4. N2008.11.134 - NorthWestern Energy – Request for Commission Intervention to Establish a Customer's Payment Arrangement – Request Commission direction on medical emergency rule application and customer's payment arrangement. (12/2/08)

5. Organization of MISO States (OMS) comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Discuss OMS comments to FERC regarding 1) Midwest ISO Module E Filings and 2) FERC Order 719 regarding competitive markets. (12/2/08)
6. Out of state staff travel – Obtain approval for Brian D. to attend the Northern Tier Transmission Group's joint committee meeting in Portland, OR, on January 28, 2009. (12/2/08)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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1. Project Telephone N2008.11.135 (Scott)

On November 24, 2008, Project Telephone Co. requested that the Commission allow Project Telephone Co. to waive the charges for the temporary installation of lines for Huntley Project School for the following: Central Office Charges, Service Order Charges, Line Connection Charges, Service Call Charges, and Charges related to moving and changes of facilities. With the PSC's waiver of these tariff charges the Huntley Project School will not be responsible for these payments associated with the installation of phone service to the portable classrooms the school is using while a new building is being constructed.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2008.11.135 – Project Telephone Company, Inc. – Application for Approval to Waive the Charges for the Temporary Installation of Lines for Huntley Project School